Note from the editor
Emma Deignan '18
Greetings and happy fall! My name is Emma Deignan and, as the new editor of the Parent Newsletter, I will be keeping you all connected to the Luther community! I am a sophomore at Luther College, studying psychology and social work. I participate in Nordic Choir, Jubilus, a student lead choral ensemble; and the women’s a cappella group, Beautiful Mess. Around campus, students have gotten into a groove balancing classes and numerous extracurricular activities. Homecoming was a success, with an incredible number of alumni returning and an amazing victory on the football field! As I get back to daily life at Luther, I am consistently reminded of how special this community is, from the friendly "hello" I get from the stranger on my way to class to my caring professor going out of her way to help me plan for my future. After such a wonderful Homecoming weekend, I have one thought: I'm so happy to be home! If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life

This past weekend, Luther celebrated Homecoming with the arrival of over 2,000 alumni, family, and friends. Our teams did well, with an exciting overtime victory for the football team against Buena Vista University. Other exciting activities included the Homecoming Parade, a performance of the play Love and Information, the Flamingo Ball, Jazz at Marty's, Festival Eucharist, and the Homecoming Concert. And that is only a small fraction of what was going on. Read more
**Spotlight On:**

**Habitat for Humanity**  
Started on campus in 1992, the Luther College Habitat for Humanity campus chapter (LCHFH) has been active in the community and abroad, helping to build, fundraise, advocate, and educate the Luther College community and the greater community around us. As a Habitat for Humanity campus chapter, LCHFH works with Habitat for Humanity International in developing an ever-growing partnership with Winneshiek County Habitat for Humanity. They have worked on builds in the Winneshiek county area as well as helping with fundraising and advocacy events with our county affiliate. They have also worked with a few other Habitat chapters in the region. [Read more](#)

**Luther News**

**Luther to cohost Energy Extravaganza**  
Winnebago County is leading Iowa with the most residential solar installed in the state. Learn how solar power and energy efficiency can benefit local residents financially and strengthen the community during the second annual Decorah Energy Extravaganza Oct. 24 and 26, hosted by Luther’s Center for Sustainable Communities and the Winneshiek Energy District. [Read more](#)

**Luther to host guest lecturer Richard Winter, M.D.**  
Luther College welcomes guest lecturer Richard Winter, M.D., to campus Oct. 21-22 to give two lectures. Winter will speak on “Surrendering our Freedom in an Age of Soma: Living on the Edge of Addiction,” and “The Challenge of Sexual Freedom, Gender Equality and Rape Culture.” [Read more](#)

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**Luther Events Calendar**

- **SAC Concerts Presents: MKTO**  
  Friday, October 30, 2015  
  Regents Center

- **Varsity Band and Wind and Percussion Ensemble Concert**  
  Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
  Center For Faith and Life

- **Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving - Grinnell College**  
  Saturday, November 7, 2015  
  Home

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**All Thing$ Financial**

- Registration holds have been applied for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check their web statement of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu.
Encourage your student to check out the Grad Ready website at Luther.GradReady.com. This money saving, student loan information site has great videos, tools, and resources to help your student get real-world ready.

- J-Term Study Abroad final payments are due on December 1. Remind your student to watch for a notification from the course they will be involved in.

- The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships. In most cases, these scholarships do not increase a student’s overall financial aid support; they are simply replacing a portion of a student’s Luther grant by identifying the actual source of the funding in the financial aid package. Current levels of scholarship and grant assistance would not be possible without the generous support of donors.

- Students and parents who have a Department of Education PIN for completion of the FAFSA or loan documents will need to obtain a FSA ID as the PIN process was retired on May 10, 2015. A FSA ID can be obtained at https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm.